(a) whether it is a fact that a Zebra in Delhi Zoo died recently because of sheer negligence on the part of some visitors;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the number of the animals who died/suffered injuries in the Zoos in the country because of visitors negligence during the last one year;

(d) whether Government have reviewed the existing arrangements in the Zoos to prevent cruelty to animals; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to strengthen the preventive measures to protect the animals in the Zoos?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) A zebra died on 24th March, 1987 in the Delhi Zoo due to intestinal blockage caused by plastic bags, which it had swallowed.

(c) This information is not maintained by Government.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) It is proposed to make vandalism in zoos legally punishable.

Provident Fund Outstanding Against M/s. Amrita Bazar Patrika Limited and M/s. Jugantar Limited

433. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2210 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the share of employees' provident fund contribution for the year 1986-87 has not been deposited by the management of M/s. Amrita Bazar Patrika Limited and M/s. Jugantar Limited; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) what action is being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The required information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Rehabilitation of Displaced Persons in West Bengal

434. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the package of assistance given to West Bengal as announced by the Prime Minister in September 1986 last, includes Rs. 93 crores for the rehabilitation of the displaced persons; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the steps so far taken to implement it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After scrutiny of colonywise information furnished by Govt. of West Bengal an expenditure of Rs. 84.36 crores has been approved for acquisition of land for 607 squatters' colonies set up between 1.1.51 and 25.3.71. The programme is to be completed by the Govt. of West Bengal in 5-years time which includes distribution of title deeds to displaced persons.

Laboratory Facility in ITDC Hotels for checking the quality of food

435. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether ITDC hotels are equipped with laboratory facility and proper staff to check the quality of raw materials being used for the preparation of food articles especially when instances of food adulteration are quite common;

(b) if so, whether samples are drawn by the Quality Control Officials or CHMO regularly everyday for test check and records maintained in each hotel; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor and what measures have been taken to observe quality control for food articles?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) to (c) For ensuring quality or raw material, the ITDC hotels operating all over India are procuring their requirements from Government Co-operative Stores like Super Bazars or from reputed manufacturers with ISI/Agmark or a guarantee certificate. Quality control is exercised by the hotels at the time of receipt of material and through random checks by the Chief Medical and Health Officer of ITDC and the General Managers and Food & Beverage Managers of individual units. These samples are tested at government laboratories or other reputed institutions. For the eight hotels located in Delhi a skeleton lab has been set up for conducting random tests. It is not considered practicable by ITDC to set up separate labs in each of its 24 hotels located in different parts of the country to test samples every day.

Study on unemployment problem

436. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey of study regarding the unemployment problem of educated and technical manpower in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are Government's plans for providing suitable training and employment opportunities to all the talented and hard working youths of the country by the turn of the century?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The National Sample Survey Organisation conducts country-wise quin-quennial survey on employment and unemployment in various rounds, latest being 38th Round (January—December 1983).

As per the Seventh Five Year Plan document the estimated unemployment among educated manpower was 3.7 million.

(c) The following are the plans for providing employment and training:—

(i) Employment opportunities as a result of economic and technological developments;

(ii) Employment opportunities in organised and unorganised sectors;

(iii) Schemes to provide self-employment opportunities for science and technology graduates and diploma holders along-with financial assistance;

(iv) The programme on generation of manpower in computers;

(v) Upgradation and expansion of training facilities in technical institutions; and

(vi) The programmes of training for small industrialists and entrepreneurs for educated and technical youth.